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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 3,

Line 61, "network." should read as follows:

-- network.

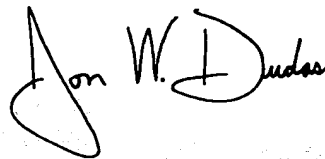
According to the present invention, an exposure apparatus capable of sufficiently reducing a change in optical characteristic of an optical system having at least two spaces filled with gases and resolving a pattern image with a small line width can be provided. --

Column 6,

Line 46, "not" should read -- not be --.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "J" and a cursive "Dudas".

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